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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.**

**STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**CASE NO. PUC000003**

**Ex Parte, In re: Investigation of the  
appropriate level of intrastate access  
service prices**

**HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**August 22, 2000**

On August 22, 2000, Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Staff") filed a Motion for Further Extension of Procedural Schedule to extend the procedural schedule established by ruling on March 16, 2000. That ruling extended several filing requirements and the hearing, including the following:

Staff Report	Due August 29, 2000
Rebuttal Testimony	Due September 26, 2000
Hearing	Beginning October 24, 2000

Staff states that additional time is necessary to complete its analysis of access charges in this case because the volume of documents to review and complexity of studies and issues warrant additional time. Moreover, Staff is conducting ongoing discussions with Verizon South Inc. and the Sprint companies, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Central Telephone Company of Virginia. Finally, Staff is working on the pending consideration of Staff's settlement with Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") that has been certified back to the Commission.

Staff requests that the procedural schedule in this case be extended as follows:

Staff Report	Due December 8, 2000
Rebuttal Testimony	Due January 8, 2001
Hearing	Beginning January 22, 2001

I find that the parties to this case should have an opportunity to respond to this motion. I further find the filing requirement for Staff's Report should be suspended pending resolution of the August 22, 2000, Motion For Further Extension of Procedural Schedule. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

1. On or before August 30, 2000, any party to this case may file a response to the Staff Motion for Further Extension of the Procedural Schedule; and

2. The requirement that the Staff Report be filed on or before August 29, 2000, is suspended until further ruling.

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Deborah V. Ellenberg  
Chief Hearing Examiner